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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Indian IT professionals are among the lowest paid globally;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) and (b) : As per Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC), High quality of IT services clubbed with the competitive cost has made India as the most preferred destination for IT services & Business Process Outsourcing (BPO). Therefore, while the Indians IT professional are paid competitively, it is also a fact that the low cost of service provided by the Indian IT professional is one of the advantage of outsourcing to India.

(c) ITES-BPO sector is de-licensed and the operations are governed by a mutual agreement between the parties. The wages of IT professionals are decided based on several factors, which include: business considerations, market forces depending on demand and supply.